With the demand for waste services growing at the Sun Street Transfer Station, and 80% of the waste received coming from the City of Salinas and North Monterey County, the future decisions made by the Board are critical for the search of a long term facility, the public’s needs, and the agency. To bring the new Board members up to date staff presented the 20-year history of the search for a long term Salinas Area Facility. The overview included descriptions of the sites considered, studies, and all due diligence completed, as well as the reasons for the changing direction and seeking other potential sites.

Long Term Facility Needs Project Public Outreach Materials
The Board reviewed the Public Outreach material that included input previously provided by the Board and Monterey Regional Waste Management District and received confirmation from legal counsel that it was appropriate for the environmental review process. The Board expressed concerns with the length of the document and appointed a three-member subcommittee to meet with SVR staff to edit and reformate the material in an effort to consolidate the publication down to a version of the document that the Board feels is suitable for mass public distribution.

Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18
The proposed $16,720,000 operating budget was presented to the Board. It is funded by a 3.6% increase in AB939 Service Fees, a 2.9% increase to Franchise Transportation Surcharge, and a 4.4% increase in projected solid waste which eliminates the $1.00 per ton increase in landfill tipping fees that was proposed in January. Revenues fully fund ongoing capital, regulatory, and operational obligations, including two new positions to help manage the increase in tonnage from construction and demolition material and the 12% increase in customers being seen at the Sun Street Transfer Station. The rate hearing and request for budget adoption will be scheduled for the March Board of Directors meeting.

Financial Report for Month Ended December 2016 (50% of the Fiscal Year)
Revenue collected $10,093,879 (58.2% of Estimated Revenue of $17,354,800)
Expenditures for operations $7,294,062 (45.9% of Operating Budget of $15,902,000)
Cash balance $19,485,298